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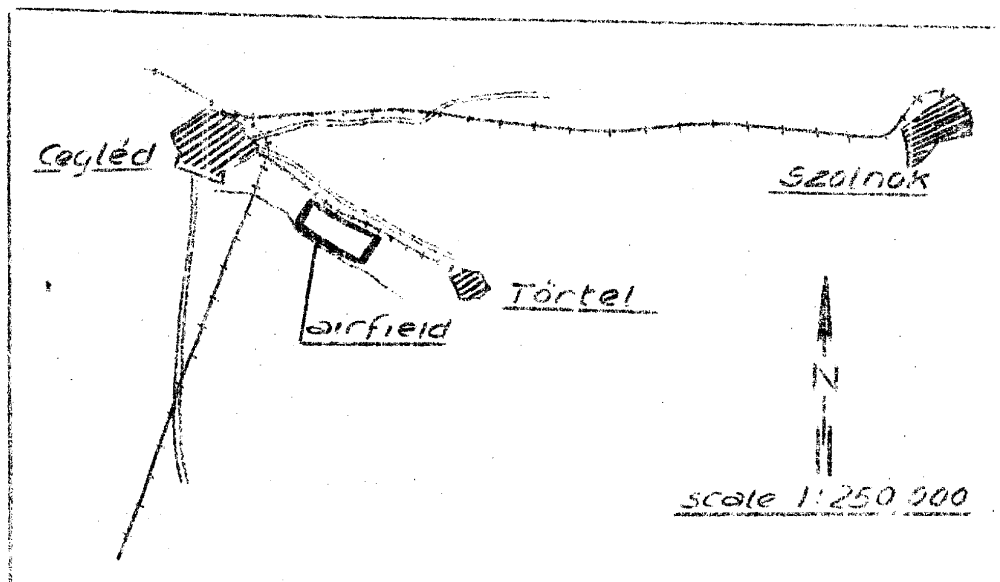
1. An airfield was under construction 2.5 to 3 km. southeast of Cegléd (O 48/O 03), south of the road and the narrow-gauge field railway from Cegléd to Toertel (Q 48/O 17). The field was surrounded by a level and intensively farmed terrain. It was bordered on the south by the Gerje Brook and on the west by a barracks installation which is under construction. Work on the field started in early July 1951. About 2,000 civilian workers and 600 convicts were employed. Large quantities of broken stone arrived. In mid-August 1951, 18 four-story buildings were half completed. Large-scale excavation, probably for the construction of hangars, was under way. There were several low wooden buildings for convicts and storage facilities for construction material. According to a civil construction superintendent, construction work was to be completed by 1 November 1951. However, this completion date could not be met with the number of workers employed at the field. *

2. According to residents of Szabadszállás (Y 6/N 55), there was a former temporary German airfield about 5 km. east of Szabadszállás. In early July 1951 a group of convicts was sent to Szabadszállás. In August 1951, construction of a new airfield was under way on the site of the former German field. **

- * **Comment.** This is the first report on the construction of a new airfield southeast of Cegléd. From the construction of so many brick barracks buildings it is assumed that this airfield is possibly planned to be occupied by a pilot school. This assumption is supported by the fact that apparently no hard surface runway was built, which indicates that occupation by an air unit is probably not planned. For location of airfield and status of construction.
- ** **Comment.** The presence of an airfield east of Szabadszállás is also reported for the first time. According to available maps, the area is not suitable for an airfield. However, the lakes, which are entered on the map, no longer exist.

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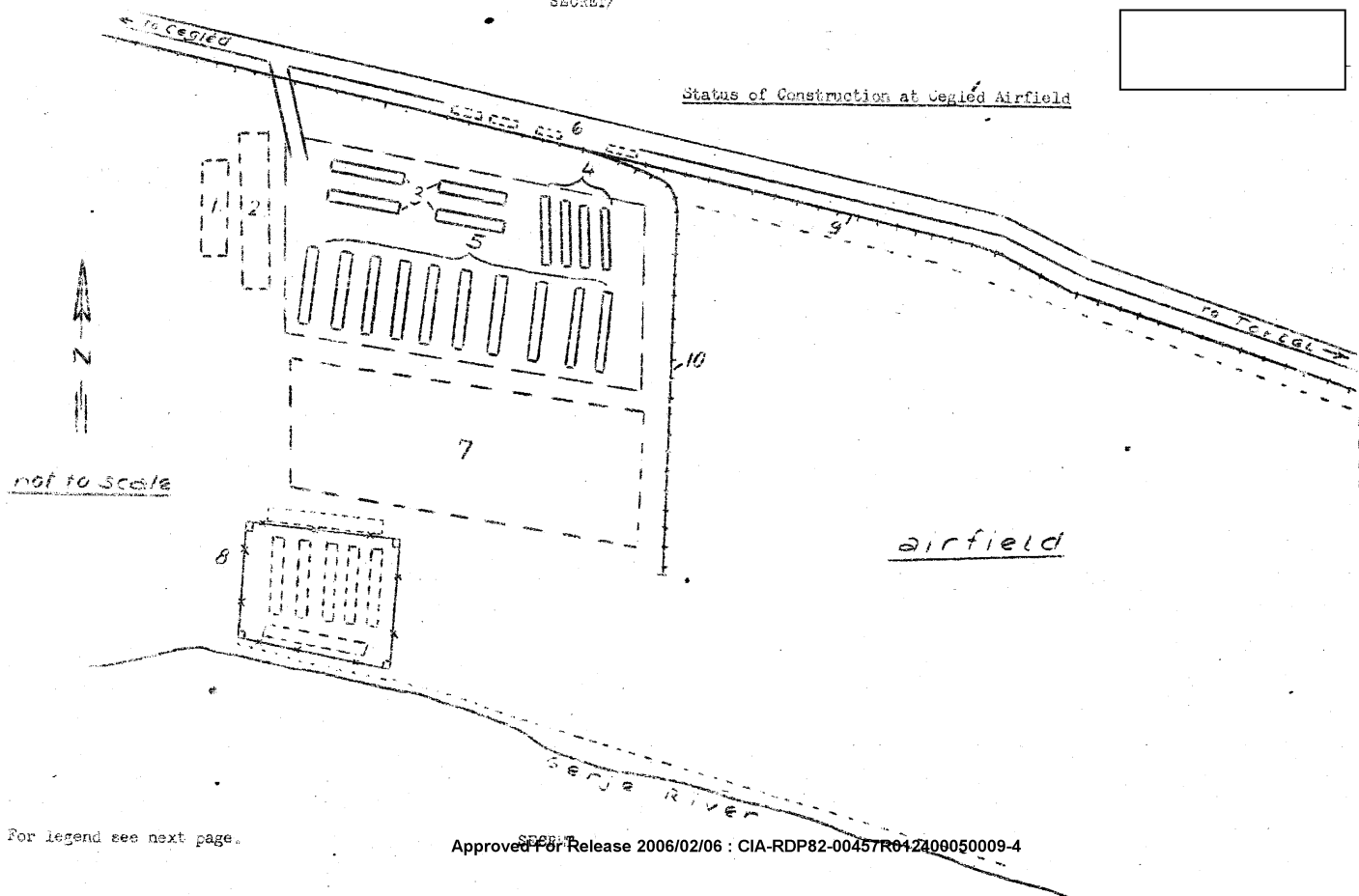
Location Sketch of Cegléd Airfield



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Legend:

1. Low wooden building, for civilian workers.
2. Low wooden storage building.
3. Four-story brick buildings, each about 80 x 12 meters, with strong basements.
4. Four-story barracks buildings, each about 80 x 12 meters.
5. Ten four-story barracks buildings, each about 100 x 16 meters.
6. Low wooden buildings, used for storage.
7. Excavation work, probably for hangars.
8. Convict camp.
9. Narrow-gauge field railway from Cegled to Toortel.
10. Spur track.

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